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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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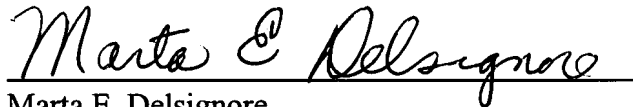
failed to note that the filing date of the present application is within the twenty (20) month time limit, or co-pendency of the PCT parent application. Accordingly, this rejection is not understood. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,951,933 to Stall et al. The Office Action also states claim 10 is allowable over the prior art references of record because it recites the high molecular weight substance is cellulose. Claim 1 has been amended to recite cellulose having a molecular weight of at least 5×10^5 .

In view of the foregoing claims 1-4 and 10 are patentable over the cited prior art.

Prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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